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Claim 1 (currently amended): A fishing lure providing movement and sound during trolling, comprising:

a primary wire leg having a forward segment configured for attachment to a fishing line, and having a bait segment disposed distal of said forward segment, said bait segment having a body extending to a trailing end from which a fish hook extends;

a secondary wire leg having a leading segment extended from said forward segment of said primary wire leg, said secondary wire leg having a length disposed parallel to and a selected distance apart from said primary wire leg;

a blade rotatably mounted on said length of said secondary wire leg, said blade having an axis of rotation aligned with said length of said secondary wire leg, said blade includes opposed surfaces having planar mid-portions extending to first and second end segments angled in opposed directions on opposed sides of said axis of rotation to facilitate balanced rotation of said blade during trolling; and

a clapper pivotably attached on each one of said opposed surfaces having said planar mid-portions of said blade, each clapper readily moved in balanced orientation on each said opposed surface and pivots freely during rotation of said blade;

whereby during trolling proximal of a water surface, each rotation of said blade positions said opposed blade surfaces for contacting the water surface with pivoting of each clapper against respective blade surfaces and further contacting of each clapper with the water surface resulting in creation of water turbulence and sound for attracting fish to strike said fish hook extended from said bait segment.

Claim 2 (currently amended): The fishing lure of Claim 1 wherein said bait segment is disposed on said primary wire leg such that said bait segment is a sufficient distance apart from said blade such that said bait segment is adjacent and distal of said blade first and second end segments respectively during rotation of said blade thereby negating contact with said pivotable clappers and said blade end segments during blade rotation, said bait segment body includes a tapered head and an enlarged mid-portion having an oval cross-section tapering to said trailing end, said oval cross-section of said enlarged mid-portion having an asymmetric shape with

one lesser curved side disposed inwardly toward said secondary wire leg on which said blade is rotatably mounted, whereby said asymmetric shape induces lift upon water movement along said enlarged mid-portion resulting in said bait segment rising to the water surface.

Claim 3 (previously presented): A fishing lure providing movement and sound during trolling, comprising:

a primary wire leg having a forward segment configured for attachment to a fishing line, and having a bait segment disposed distal of said forward segment, said bait segment having a body extending to a trailing end from which a fish hook extends;

a secondary wire leg having a leading segment extended laterally from said forward segment of said primary wire leg, said secondary wire leg having a length disposed a selected distance apart from said primary wire leg;

a blade rotatably mounted on said secondary wire leg, said blade includes opposed surfaces having first and second end segments angled in opposed directions to facilitate rotation of said blade during trolling; and

at least two clappers pivotably attached in diametrically opposed positions on said opposed surfaces of said blade, each clapper pivots independently on said opposed surfaces to provide balanced movement during rotation of said blade; whereby during trolling proximal of a water surface, each rotation of said blade positions said opposed blade surfaces for contacting the water surface with pivoting of each clapper against respective blade surfaces and further contacting of said clappers with the water surface resulting in creation of water turbulence and sound for attracting fish to strike said fish hook extended from said bait segment.

Claim 4 (currently amended): The fishing lure of Claim 3 wherein said bait segment is disposed on said primary wire leg such that said bait segment is a sufficient distance apart from said blade such that said bait segment is adjacent and distal of said blade first and second end segments respectively during rotation of said blade thereby negating contact with said pivotable clappers and said blade end segments during blade rotation, said bait segment body includes a tapered head and an enlarged mid-portion having an oval cross-section tapering to said trailing end.

Claim 5 (original): The fishing lure of Claim 4 wherein said bait segment further includes said fish hook having a barbed end extended forwardly toward said bait segment, and a skirt of flexible filaments attached to said bait segment trailing end whereby said fish hook and barbed end are concealed from view during trolling by said skirt of flexible filaments trailing behind said bait segment.

Claim 6 (original): The fishing lure of Claim 5 wherein said bait segment includes an outer surface of said tapered head having markings thereon to resemble a fish head, said bait segment further includes a weight imbedded therein.

Claim 7 (currently amended): A fishing lure providing movement and sound during trolling, comprising:

- a primary wire leg having a forward segment configured for attachment to a fishing line, and having a bait segment disposed distal of said forward segment, said bait segment having an asymmetric arcuately shaped body extending to a trailing end from which a fish hook extends;

- a secondary wire leg having a leading segment extended laterally from said forward segment of said primary wire leg, said secondary wire leg having a length disposed a selected distance apart from said primary wire leg;

- a blade rotatably mounted to said secondary wire leg, said blade having an axis of rotation aligned with said secondary wire leg, said blade includes opposed blade surfaces extending to a trailing end having first and second angled segments curved in opposed directions from said blade surfaces and extending from opposed sides of said blade axis of rotation, whereby water movement along said opposed first and second angled segments facilitate rotation of said blade during trolling;

- a sound generator pivotably attached on at least one of said opposed surfaces of said blade, whereby said sound generator pivots freely during rotation of said blade;

- whereby upon rapid trolling proximal of a water surface, said blade is rotated by water movement across said opposed first and second angled segments and said bait segment and fish hook are maintained proximal the water surface by said ~~wire~~leading segment connecting said primary and secondary wire legs thereby each rotation of said blade exposes said opposed blade surfaces and said sound generator

to contact the water surface with resulting creation of water turbulence and sound for attracting fish to strike said fish hook.

Claim 8 (currently amended): The fishing lure of Claim 7 further comprising:
a wire segment forming said leading segment of said secondary wire leg, said wire segment extends laterally from said forward segment of said primary and wire leg, said wire segment maintains said primary and secondary wire legs apart by said selected distance during trolling;

said rotatable blade including:

first and second blade surfaces bisected by ~~an axis of rotation of said blade~~ having an axis of rotation, said first angled segment is extended from said blade trailing end of said first blade surface toward said second blade surface, said second angled segment is extended from said blade trailing end of said second blade surface toward said first blade surface;

said sound generator including:

a first clapper pivotably connected on said first blade surface aside from said blade axis of rotation, said first clapper being positioned forwardly of said blade trailing end, thereby said first clapper is unhindered in pivoting motion by said first angled segment during blade rotation; and

said second blade surface having a second clapper pivotably connected on a diametrically opposed side of said blade axis of rotation, said second clapper being positioned forwardly of said blade trailing end, thereby said second clapper is unhindered in pivoting motion by said second angled segment during blade rotation;

whereby upon trolling proximal of the water surface, said first and second surfaces of said blade are repetitively exposed at the water surface with each respective first and second clapper pivoting above the water surface during each blade rotation thereby resulting in creation of water turbulence and sound for attracting fish to strike said fish hook extended from said bait segment.

Claim 9 (currently amended): The fishing lure of Claim 8 wherein said rotatable blade is disposed proximal and adjacent ~~to~~ of said leading end of said second wire leg, said primary wire leg is extended generally parallel to said secondary wire leg,

and said bait segment is disposed proximal to of said distal end of said primary wire leg,

whereby said bait segment and said fish hook are disposed a sufficient distance apart from said rotatable blade such that said bait segment is adjacent and distal of said first and second angled segments during rotation of said rotatable blade thereby negating contact between said bait segment and fish hook during trolling.

Claim 10 (previously presented): The fishing lure of Claim 9 wherein said bait segment includes:

an elongated head portion having a leading end expanding to an enlarged mid-portion having an oval cross-section, said mid-portion tapers to a distal end from which said fish hook extends, said fish hook having a barbed end curved forward toward said elongated head portion;

said mid-portion including an inner arcuate side oriented toward said rotatable blade and an outer arcuate side oriented opposite said inner arcuate side, said inner and outer arcuate sides are asymmetric in curvature with said inner arcuate side being less curved thereby inducing lift upon water movement along said bait segment; and

said fish hook barbed end is curved forward toward said inner arcuate side of said elongated head portion thereby said fish hook barbed end is positioned behind said secondary wire leg having said blade rotatably disposed thereon;

whereby obstructions in the water are deflected from said fish hook barbed end due to contact with said outer arcuate side and said oval cross-section of said elongated head portion.

Claim 11 (original): The fishing lure of Claim 10 wherein said fish hook and barbed end are surrounded by a skirt of flexible filaments attached to said bait segment trailing end whereby said fish hook and barbed end are concealed from view during trolling by said skirt of flexible filaments trailing behind said bait segment.

Claim 12 (original): The fishing lure of Claim 11 wherein said bait segment includes an outer surface of said tapered head having markings thereon to resemble a fish head, said bait segment further includes a weight imbedded therein.

Claim 13 (currently amended): A fishing lure providing movement and sound during trolling, comprising:

a primary wire leg having a forward segment configured for attachment to a fishing line, and having a bait segment disposed distal of said forward segment, said bait segment having a body extending to a trailing end from which a fish hook extends;

a secondary wire leg having a leading segment extended laterally from said forward segment of said primary wire leg, said secondary wire leg having a length disposed a selected distance apart from said primary wire leg;

a blade is pivotably affixed at opposed forward and trailing ends to said secondary wire leg, said blade being readily rotated about an axis of rotation co-axially aligned with said secondary wire leg, said blade trailing end is configured to include first and second angled segments curved in opposed directions from said blade axis of rotation thereby said opposed first and second angled segments facilitate blade rotation during trolling, said blade including at least two sound generators pivotably disposed on diametrically opposed planar half-portion surfaces of said blade;

a bait segment is affixed on said primary wire leg such that said bait segment is a sufficient distance apart from disposed adjacently proximal to and distal of said blade such that said blade segment is adjacent and distal of said blade first and second angled end segments respectively to negate contact during blade rotation during trolling during rotation of said blade thereby negating contact, said bait segment includes an elongated head portion having a narrow leading end expanding to an enlarged mid-portion to form an asymmetrically shaped oval cross-section, said mid-portion tapers in depth and width to said trailing end from which said fish hook extends; and

~~a blade is pivotably affixed at opposed forward and trailing ends to said secondary wire leg, said blade being readily rotated about an axis of rotation co-axially aligned with said secondary wire leg, said blade trailing end is configured to include first and second angled segments curved in opposed directions from said blade axis of~~

~~rotation thereby said opposed first and second angled segments facilitate blade rotation during trolling, said blade including at least two sound generators pivotably disposed on diametrically opposed planar half portion surfaces of said blade;~~

whereby upon trolling proximal of a water surface, said blade is rotated by water movement across said opposed first and second angled segments, said bait segment is directed toward the water surface by water movement along said asymmetrically shaped enlarged mid-portion of said head portion thereby exposing said rotating blade for intermittently exiting the water surface with resulting creation of water turbulence and sound by said sound generators for attraction of fish to said bait segment.

Claim 14 (original): The fishing lure of Claim 13 wherein said sound generators including:

a first clapper connected to pivotably extend from at least one hole through a first surface of said blade; and

a second clapper connected to pivotably extend from at least one hole through a second surface of said blade, each clapper is pivotable against respective diametrically opposed half-portions of said first surface and said second surface of said blade during rotation.

Claim 15 (previously presented): The fishing lure of Claim 14 wherein said rotatable blade further including:

said first surface of said blade being bisected by said axis of rotation, said first surface having a first half extending to said blade trailing end from which said first angled segment is extended at a flared angle toward an opposed surface of said first surface;

said second surface forming said opposed surface of said first surface, said second surface having a second half diametrically opposed from said first half of said first surface, said second half extending to said blade trailing end from which said second angled segment is extended at a flared angle toward said first surface;

each first half and diametrically opposed second half having mid-portions with each having a pair of closely-spaced paired holes therein;

said first clapper is connected to pivotably extend from said pair of closely spaced holes through said first half of said first surface; and

said second clapper is connected to pivotably extend from said pair of closely spaced holes through said second half of said second surface, each clapper is pivotable against said respective half-portions of said first half diametrically opposed from said second half of said blade during rotation;

whereby upon trolling proximal of the water surface, said first and second surfaces of said blade are repetitively exposed at the water surface with each respective first and second clapper pivotable above the water surface resulting in creation of water turbulence and sound for attracting fish to said bait segment.

Claim 16 (currently amended): The fishing lure of Claim 15 wherein said bait segment further including outer and inner arcuate sides extending from said narrow leading end expanding to said enlarged mid-portion, said outer and inner arcuate sides are separated by said width being less than said depth, said inner arcuate side is oriented towards said rotatable blade, said inner arcuate side being lesser curved respective to said outer arcuate side, whereby said asymmetrically shaped oval cross-section induces lift toward the water surface during trolling of said bait segment; and

a barbed end of said fish hook being curved laterally and forwardly toward said inner arcuate side of said head portion thereby said fish hook barbed end is positioned behind and adjacent said blade axis of rotation;

whereby during trolling, obstructions in the water are deflected away from said fish hook barbed end due to said inner and outer arcuate sides and said oval cross-section of said head portion.

Claim 17 (currently amended): The fishing lure of Claim 16 wherein said fish hook and barbed end are surrounded by a skirt of flexible filaments attached to said head portion ~~distal~~ trailing end whereby said hook shaft and barbed end are concealed from view during trolling by said skirt of flexible filaments trailing behind said head portion.